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## **Connecticut Citizens Defense League, Inc.**

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Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

My name is Chris Duffy, and I reside in New Britain, with my wife, and two children.

I am here today to **OPPOSE** S.B.1076, and also to say that I **OPPOSE** any other proposal that taxes, confiscates, adds licensing requirements to, or adds in any way to the monumental amount of laws and regulations regarding firearm ownership in this state.

There are 180,000 permit holders in this state to carry a pistol or a revolver, and many, many more who own long guns of every type. What laws have they broken, that we as free citizens deserve these draconian proposals? In what way will any of the proposed legislation have an effect on any criminal?

If our state puts these proposals into practice, at some point people will not be able to blame guns when another terrible event takes place. So what will people ask for then? What right will come under fire? Will you be a part of a populace that systematically dismantles the Constitution of this state every time an evil person commits an atrocious act? If the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights of Connecticut citizens is infringed into oblivion, what other right will they lose later when the very rules that were passed to curb gun violence fail?

To pass on to our children a state that not only has a dangerous level of deficit, but a state that they no longer have the rights that they deserve as free citizens, would be a tragedy. Should our children grow up in a state where they can be stopped, and searched, without warrants, or even reasonable suspicion, because the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment is no longer protected? Should our children be unable to verbally fight an unjust government because their 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights were nullified here in Connecticut? If we take away the right to be armed from people today, our children will lose another right tomorrow.

The proposals being heard today are a disgrace to all those who fought to protect our rights, from all branches of services, and from all walks of life. And I am ashamed to have to be here fighting to stop these tyrannical proposals in the "Constitution State".

Please use facts, and the Constitution of the state, and the nation in deciding on your vote. I want to thank you for hearing myself, and all the others who are here today to give testimony. And I added my contact information to my written testimony, and would be glad to address any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you.

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Every citizen has a right  
to bear arms in defense  
of himself and the state.